

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
AS GCE**

**F961/02**

**HISTORY A**

**British History Period Studies  
Option B: Modern 1783–1994**

**WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2013: Afternoon**

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes  
plus your additional time allowance**

**MODIFIED ENLARGED 18pt**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**8 page Answer Booklet (sent with general stationery)**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer any TWO questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:
  - From Pitt to Peel 1783–1846
  - Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895
  - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914
  - Domestic Issues 1918–1951
  - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990
  - Post-War Britain 1951–1994
- There are eighteen questions, three for each Study Topic. Answer any TWO questions.
- You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

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**Answer any TWO questions.**

### **FROM PITT TO PEEL 1783–1846**

- 1 'Never a serious threat.' How far do you agree with this view of the radical challenge in the period from 1812 to 1822? [50]**
- 2 'Their only liberal measures were in trade and finance.' How far do you agree with this view of the Tory governments of 1822–1830? [50]**
- 3 How successful was Peel as leader of the Conservative party to 1841? [50]**

### **LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES 1846–1895**

- 4 Assess the reasons why the Whigs were transformed into the Liberal party during the period 1846–68. [50]**
- 5 How important was the Second Reform Act (1867) in Disraeli's emergence as Conservative leader? [50]**
- 6 How successful were the domestic reforms of Disraeli's second ministry (1874–1880)? [50]**

## **FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1856–1914**

- 7 How successfully did Britain protect its interests in the Eastern Question from 1856 to 1902? [50]**
- 8 How important was the Boer War in changing attitudes in Britain to imperialism? [50]**
- 9 Assess the reasons why Britain went to war in 1914. [50]**

## **DOMESTIC ISSUES 1918–1951**

- 10 ‘Conservative policies were the most important reason why they dominated politics in the period from 1918 to 1929.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 11 Assess the causes of the General Strike. [50]**
- 12 Assess the reasons for the Conservative defeat in the 1945 election. [50]**

## **FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1945–1990**

- 13 How seriously did Britain take European co-operation in the period from 1945 to 1973? [50]**
- 14 ‘Thatcher’s successes outweighed her failures.’ How far do you agree with this view of Thatcher’s foreign policy? [50]**
- 15 Assess Britain’s role in Europe and world diplomacy from 1945 to 1990. [50]**

## **POST-WAR BRITAIN 1951–1994**

- 16 ‘Thirteen years of Conservative misrule.’ How far does this explain Labour’s election victory in 1964? [50]**
- 17 How far did Heath change the Conservative party? [50]**
- 18 ‘British Government policies were the most important reason for the failure to solve the Irish problem.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

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